Statement

Statement-wise breakup of persons under detention

Serial No.	State	Persons detained
1.	Assam	28
2.	Gujarat	18
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	8
4.	Karnataka	01
5.	Maharashtra	50
6.	Punjab	4
7.	Rajasthan	05
8.	Tamil Nadu	17
9.	Uttar Pradesh	<B
10.	West Bengal	05
11.	UT Chandigarh	01
12.	UT Delhi	01
	GRAND TOTAL:	142

Steps to increase strength of women in army

†*527. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

the percentage of women in the army at present;

whether Government proposes to increase the percentage of women in the army; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Women are inducted into the Army as officers. There are 1014 women officers in the Army presently (excluding'Army Medical Corp, Army Dental Corp and Military Nursing Service), out of a total number of 35461 (posted strength) officers. The percentage of women officers in the Army (excluding Army Medical Corp, Army Dental Corp and Military Nursing Service) is therefore 2.86%. There is no fixed percentage laid down for induction of women officers into the^Army. However, the appointment of women officers has been progressively extended to different branches in the Army over a period of time. Measures to improve the intake of officers, including women, in the Defence Services is a continuous process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.